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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Botelho, et al.

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Title: SECONDARY COATING
COMPOSITION FOR OPTICAL FIBERS

Art Group Unit: 2839

Examiner: Nguyen, Son V

RESPONSE

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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated April 23, 2003, designated as Paper No. 9 in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued an Election Requirement, requiring Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits and to identify the claims readable on the elected species. The Examiner asserted that currently, no claims are generic.

Applicant notes that a Preliminary amendment is being submitted herewith, in which claims 25, 38 and 39 are amended, claims 44-66 are withdrawn, and claims 67 and 68 are added.

Applicant elects the coated optical fiber B₂, made with coating composition B. Applicant asserts that at least claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 11-19, 21, 22, 26, 27, 31-36, 67 and 68 read upon the elected species.

Applicant submits that there are currently many generic claims in the application. For example, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 11-19, 21, 22, 26, 27, 31-36, 67 and 68 are generic claims for a plurality of the composition and coated optical fiber species in Tables 2 and 4 of the specification.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said


time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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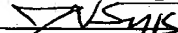
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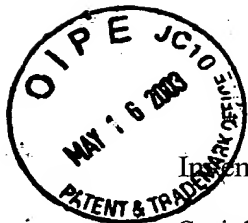
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Before action on the merits in the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments and remarks as follows:

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